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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 23 ECUADOR MEDIA REACTION:
ORGAN TRANSPLANT TRAFFICKING
REF: USIA 56472
1. STORIES BASED ON THE DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON ORGAN TRAFFICKING MENTIONED IN REFTEL HAVE APPEARED IN THE NOVEMBER 22 EDITION OF GUAYAQUIL'S "EL TELEGRAFO" (CONSERVATIVE, CIRC. 40.000) IN A NEWS COLUMN PRINTED IN ENGLISH (A REGULAR EL TELEGRAFO FEATURE), AND IN A FULL PAGE STORY WHICH APPEARED ON THE LEAD PAGE OF THE COMMENTARY SECTION OF THE NOVEMBER 23 EDITION OF GUAYAQUIL'S "EL UNIVERSO" (CENTER-RIGHT, CIRC. 145,000). THE "EL UNIVERSO" FEATURE WAS AN EFE WIRE SERVICE STORY BASED ON THE PROGRAMS. NEITHER STORY BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF "BABY PARTS" NOR MENTIONED THE UNITED STATES. SELECTED QUOTES FROM THE "EL UNIVERSO" ARTICLE FOLLOW:
2. QUOTE: "THE PROGRAM REVEALS THAT IN THESE COUNTRIES NUMEROUS **CHILDREN** HAVE BEEN MURDERED TO EXTRACT THEIR ORGANS AND BODY PARTS. SIMILARLY, DECEASED PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS HAVE

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HAD ORGANS EXTRACTED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE FAMILY."
"(ARGENTINIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ZELMIRA REGAZZOLI) CONFIRMED THAT, 'BEGINNING MANY YEARS AGO, **CHILDREN** HAVE BEEN **KIDNAPPED** TO STEAL THEIR ORGANS, NOT ONLY IN **ARGENTINA**, BUT IN THE ENTIRE AMERICAN CONTINENT.'"
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